

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-6, 35-43 and 57 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 7 and 8 have been amended. Claims 7-34 and 44-56 are pending and under consideration. Claims 9-34 and 44-56 are allowed. Claims 7 and 8 are objected to.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103:

Claims 1-3, 35-37, 41-43, and 57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being fully anticipated by Jachimowicz et al. (U.S. Patent 5,224,198).

Claims 4-6, and 38-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jachimowicz et al.

The rejected claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection is moot. Furthermore, it is noted that objected to claims 7 and 8 have been rewritten into independent form.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.


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